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In politics it appears that girls will be girls.

The price of gasoline is certainly a burning question.

Man tells but little here below, but he tells that little long.

War is a gentle game in which men are pawns for kings to move.

Bagging a Zeppelin beats the old fashioned sport of "snipe hunting" hol low.

Puncturing a tank steamer with a shell is one way to pour oil on the waters.

Yet the war prevents a number of foolhardy tourists from being killed in the Alps.

As a result of the war the price of nearly all drugs, except rhubarb pie, has advanced.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who didn't eat much when she was in love?

We always like to think that the alarm clock says: "This hurts me more than it does you."

And about the time when an automobile manufacturer cuts his prices, up goes the price of gasoline.

Glen Curtiss says it is easy to fly across the Atlantic. And just at present it is no doubt safer, too.

The statesman with his ear to the ground these days is likely to acquire a fine line of confused ideas.

An expert window washer may not be a conscious optimist, but he sheds a great deal of light in dark places.

A legal ruling against divorces for nagging wives may have the unexpected effect of booming the industry.

If women propose we suppose they'll be just as nervous about it as the average man, when he makes the plunge.

In all that has been done so far to combat pneumonia, nobody has yet succeeded in knocking out the first letter.

An optimist may be described as a person who believes that a wolf is going to be captured during a big wolf hunt.

There never could have been a coat of many colors for Joseph long ago if there had been a shortage of dye-stuffs.

Just for variety's sake, why doesn't some fair plaintiff in a breach of promise suit ask for a life annuity of, say, \$50,000?

It's a ham against a scorched egg that nobody who has camped out will laugh at the idea of kitchen preparedness for war.

The only trouble with the "milk of human kindness" is that most of us skim off the cream and pass out the sky-blue by-product.

Some girls can squeeze their way through a crowded street car and emerge without looking mused. How they do it is a secret.

The man who frets because he can't pay his monthly bills promptly should stop and consider what the war is costing Europe every minute.

A Baltimore man recently celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his last bath, and then an unfeeling judge sentenced him to take another.

With other ships standing by and cameras clicking, what can the captain of a sinking ship do but stand on the bridge until it goes down?

According to a Cincinnati judge, fathers take better care of their children than mothers. Not always. There are a few fathers who have the tango habit.

It's a big war, of course, but it isn't big enough to stop the importation of new Paris fashions for women to this country; and maybe no war could be big enough to stop that.

We hate to frustrate that scheme to make boys believe arithmetic is of some use, but the fact is, boys, that hatbox averages are obtained from handy tables, not figured out by hand.

It is sometimes asked by Americans whether patents can be obtained at the present time from the nations at war and it is somewhat remarkable how little difficulty is experienced in transacting business with foreign patent offices. Nevertheless, the number of applications filed abroad has been greatly reduced as illustrated, for instance, in the United Kingdom, reports giving the number of applications received in the British patent office in 1914 as smaller than in any other year for the last decade, the number of applications for 1914 being 24,820, while in 1913 it was 30,077. Design applications in 1914 were 34,354, and in 1913 40,429, and trade-mark applications in 1913 were 9,689, as against 8,317 in 1914.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has received from the bureau of mines the interesting information that since March the cost of radium has been reduced to \$36,050 a gram. That will not look very cheap to the general public until it is explained that in March, April and May the price of radium ranged from \$120,000 a gram to \$160,000. It is a pity that the reports from cancer hospitals on the subject of cures effected by radium are not as cheerful as this report on the cost of radium from the bureau of mines.

Henri Coupin, a French scientist, says that the oyster is a drink, not a food—that one gets nourishment from the oyster's juice, but not from the oyster's solid part. Here is consolation for those who have considered themselves defrauded on finding not more than the one traditional oyster in the church sociable oyster stew.

While it is true the bridegroom amounts to nothing at the wedding, by the time he comes to pay the hotel bill at the honeymoon terminus and engages the stateroom for home he has at least been able to obtain a little recognition from the waiters, maids, porters, bellboys and cabmen.

Is it really funny when a moving picture actor swats another with a juicy lemon cream pie exactly on the countenance? Maybe. At least it always gets the laugh.

The university freshman who was beaten unconscious while resisting a sophomore haircut at least escaped being asked if he would have a shampoo.

Our paternal government publishes all kinds of information except the best method to make red flannel underwear quit its tickling.

German chemists have evolved an artificial marmalade—and marmalade is the average American's idea of nothing to imitate.

The most experienced aviator in the world is riches—it has been using its wings since the world began.

Another objection to these Cossack boots is that they interfere with the ankle watches.

Why does no poet ever pen a deathless poem to the caviar sandwich?

The many points of resemblance between man and an old rooster are well recognized, and it is not necessary to enumerate them. The rooster, however, is more regular and successful in reaching the roosting pole on schedule time than man is.

It has always been said that horses "sleep with one eye open," and are constantly on guard. An Indian shod in cotton felt moccasins, practicing all the sly arts of his people, could not, with the wind in his favor, approach a sleeping horse without being detected. No odds how weary a horse may be, his ears are constantly turning and twisting, so that their funnels may catch the slightest unusual noises.

Spring fever is the lazy man's most plausible excuse.

Corsets for men will never be worn by those who need them.

No use telling the man who is sick to let well enough alone.

Some get rich in war stocks and some raise early cucumbers.

The high cost of gasoline has not appreciably reduced the number of joy riders.

A government report having recommended the use of the dog-fish to supplement the food supply, perhaps the department of agriculture will publish a recipe for making up dog-fish as sausage.



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